

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome our pupils back to school and to see such a positive start to the year. The pupils have returned looking extremely smart in their uniforms, and we are already seeing some excellent learning taking place across the classrooms.

Some of the highlights so far have included:

- Year 9 pupils engaging enthusiastically in the GASP Motor Project
- The launch of our very own alternative provision for outdoor learning
- Fantastic progress in English and Maths across different year groups



We are also excited to introduce a new member of our school community – **Winnie, our therapy dog**. Winnie is just 12 weeks old and is already proving to be a much-loved addition to the team. She is the sister of Clemmie and today was her first day at school. She was very smartly dressed in her pink collar. We look forward to sharing more about how she will support wellbeing and bring joy to our pupils as she settles in.

As we move into next week, we would like to remind you of our expectations regarding school uniform and daily routines:

- From Monday, all pupils must be wearing **black, non-cuffed school trousers**. Please note that joggers are not permitted. Any pupil who is not in the correct uniform will be sanctioned in line with our school behaviour policy. We kindly ask for your support with this each morning.
- On **PE days**, pupils may wear their **PE top**. If they wish to change into shorts for the lesson, they are welcome to do so, but they must change back into their school trousers afterwards.
- Pupils must bring their belongings in a **clear bag**. We will provide these for pupils; however, if you wish to purchase your own, suitable examples can be found online (for instance: *Clear Backpack Transparent PVC Waterproof See Through Rucksack School Gym Bag with Adjustable Straps*).
- During lessons, pupils should only have **water** in their bottles. Squash is not permitted in class. At lunchtime, we provide a sugar-free squash option alongside meals.

Finally, if you would like to purchase additional uniform items, please see the attached uniform list with prices. Orders can be placed by sending an envelope into the school office containing payment and the required sizes.

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining our high standards of uniform, behaviour, and daily routines, which play a vital role in creating a positive and focused learning environment for all.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louise Needham', written in a cursive style.

Louise Needham
Headteacher

